



QUINCY/ADAMS COUNTY 9-1-1

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QUINCY/ADAMS COUNTY 9-1-1 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Minutes

April 21, 2010

9-1-1 Center, 222 N. 52nd Street, Quincy, IL, 5:15 p.m.

9 members present: Adams County Board Member John Johnson (Governing Board Chairman), Adams County Board Member Nick Peters, Adams County Board Member Lyle Nichols, Adams County Sheriff Brent Fischer, Adams County EMS Chief Paul Davis, Quincy Alderman Dan Brink, Quincy Police Chief Rob Copley, and Quincy Fire Chief Joe Henning, Rural Fire Association Secretary Bill Johnson

2 members absent: Quincy Alderman Kyle Moore and Quincy Alderman Jack Holtschlag

Also present: 9-1-1 Director Steve Rowlands and 9-1-1 Assistant Director Sharon Tedrow

Quorum Call and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. 9-1-1 Governing Board Chairman John Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and indicated a quorum was present. Lyle Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting and Chief Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with 8 yes, zero no, and 3 members absent. The minutes were approved as distributed with no changes.

204 Fund Status (WETSA). Director Rowlands stated that the balance of both the WETSA surcharge fund and Vonage VOIP E9-1-1 Remittance Fee fund is a total of \$172,793.79. The Vonage VOIP E9-1-1 remittance fee balance (including interest earned) is \$49,349.99 as of April 20, 2010. The average monthly revenue is \$1,500. The WETSA balance is \$123,443.80 (including interest earned) as of April 20, 2010. The average monthly revenue is approximately \$27,500. The sunset for the WETSA surcharge is April 2013. Representative Jil Tracy is co-sponsoring Illinois HB5336, which would extend the repeal of the WETSA to January 1, 2019.

Lyle Nichols asked if there was any indication on how well the House Bill is doing. Chairman Johnson stated no, but it likely will probably go well as many agencies depend on that revenue.

9-1-1 Loan Status. Director Rowlands stated that the outstanding loan balance as of April 20, 2010 is \$239,688.16. The monthly loan payment to First Bankers Trust is \$21,224.84 (\$16,224.84 payment + \$5,000 principle reduction payment). After the beginning of the City's fiscal year, in May or June, it is intended to pay a \$50,000 principal reduction payment. Based on the current monthly payments and planned \$50,000 principal reduction payment, the loan is scheduled to be paid off by December 31, 2010 – 3 ½ years early.

FY2010-2011 9-1-1 Budget – Final Version. Director Rowlands stated that a summary page is attached showing the final version of the 9-1-1 budget. The sheet shows the budget is 2.07% below last year's operating budget. There are some minor changes made after the January, 2010 meeting. He stated that the City of Quincy will have the final reading of their budget on Monday, April 26, 2010.

Lyle Nichols asked if some of the numbers are different. Director Rowlands stated yes that the amount for Group Insurance and MICA are different from the information that was known in January.

Chief Copley stated that some cuts were made to the budget and adjustments were added to keep basically the same costs.

Union Contract. Director Rowlands stated the negotiating team has a tentative agreement made with the IAM Union and that the 9-1-1 Governing Board needs to vote on the 9-1-1 & IAM District 9 Collective Bargaining Agreement for May 1, 2010 - April 30, 2013. A summary of the contract changes by section is listed in the handout. The contract reflects a 3-year contract with 0%, 2%, 2% raises. Director Rowlands stated that there were also some minor language changes with no financial impact.

Lyle Nichols made a motion to approve the union contract and Nick Peters seconded the motion.

Chairman John Johnson asked for comments and discussion.

Chief Copley stated that he had major concerns with a multi-year contract and stated that he was uneasy that state and local revenue money will be there to support the 2% wage increases. He stated a multi-year contract is risky and believed that a one-year contract would be better. He stated that he cannot support a 3-year contract.

Lyle Nichols stated negotiations started the first week of March and concluded in two meetings. There is no more money available, but if the economy turns around, it may be good with 2% raise as the union negotiators may ask for more or some kind of make up raise due to 0% this year. He understands the concerns.

Adams County Rural Fire Association Secretary Bill Johnson joined the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Nick Peters asked what the future plans are for the money that is used for the loan debt reduction. Chairman Johnson said the money will be used for capital savings for major equipment acquisitions in the future.

Nick Peters stated the amount that the 2% increase would be around \$16,000.

Chief Henning asked if the WETSA funds could be used for operating budget.

Director Rowlands stated the WETSA funds are eligible with restrictions for operating funds in the budget. The use of WETSA funds for the operating budget would be based on the 9-1-1 Governing Board's direction. Director Rowlands stated that current 9-1-1 Governing Board guidance is for WETSA is to be used to pay the E9-1-1 loan and for future capital acquisitions. He stated that in the next several years, the CAD computer,

E9-1-1 telephone systems, and other major systems will need to be updated and/or replaced. The concern with using the WETSA funds for normal operating expenses, is that if the WETSA fund sunsets as scheduled in April 2013, the 9-1-1 Governing Board would have to go back to the city and county to find replacement funding for the operating budget and capital acquisitions.

Chairman Johnson explained that the WETSA fund currently is intended to be used for capital funds so the 9-1-1 would not be reliant on city and county funding for capital needs in the future.

Dan Brink stated is very important that the bargaining committee that negotiated have the authority to negotiate. We entrusted our group with that. Good will is important. He understands that some things have changed since the negotiations ended but the committee did not know it then. He has concerns with the huge fringe benefits that some city employees have.

Director Rowlands stated the 9-1-1 union members ratified the tentative agreement on the contract last month. Chairman Johnson stated that both sides reached a tentative agreement so each group can vote on the final contract. Chief Copley stated the board gave the committee the authority to bargain, but it is not a done deal. Chief Henning asked if it was hard to go back. Chairman Johnson said they have never had to do that but the board could go back and re-negotiate if needed.

Chief Copley stated the end result is up to the board to approve and that the board must make its own decision. He stated that he does not think it is prudent to have a 3-year contract at this time.

Lyle Nichols stated a lot of proposals were looked at. John Johnson noted that City Director of Administrative Services Gary Sparks and City Human Resources Director Doug Olsen were part of the negotiating team and were on board at the time with the 3-year contract.

Chief Henning stated is it more reassuring to him to know that the WETSA funds can be used if necessary in the operating budget. Director Rowlands said that the WETSA funds can only be used for certain things for the operating budget. Chief Henning said that the 9-1-1 Center cannot get by with less staff. Chairman Johnson said that if we did not have the debt loan going on, we would have funds available. Chief Copley stated that he does not want to necessarily use the WETSA funds for the operating budget.

Director Rowlands said that at a future governing board meeting; he will submit proposals to the board for future use of the WETSA funds with options to incorporate its use in the operating budget. He stated that he has a couple of options for WETSA use in the next operating budget.

Chief Copley asked Alderman Brink if this proposal came to him as an Alderman voting on a city contract would he support it. Alderman Brink stated no, the fringe benefits need to be addressed. He stated that the private sector does not receive as many benefits.

Chief Henning stated that he would vote for the contract's approval knowing that any cuts to the operating budget or the 2% pay increase could, if necessary, be made up with WETSA funds.

Chairman Johnson called for a roll call vote.

Voting yes: County Board members John Johnson, Nick Peters, Lyle Nichols; Chief Joe Henning; Chief Paul Davis; and Rural Fire Secretary Bill Johnson.

Voting no: Alderman Dan Brink, Sheriff Brent Fischer and Chief Rob Copley.

Absent: Aldermen Kyle Moore and Jack Holtschlag.

The contract approval passed with 6 voting yes, 3 voting no, and 2 members absent.

Lyle Nichols made a motion to have the Director look at the impact of using WETSA funds in the budget for future operating budgets. Sheriff Fischer seconded the motion. Motion passed with 9 voting yes, zero voting no, and 2 members absent.

Old Business. Lyle Nichols asked about the status of the employee on unpaid medical leave. Director Rowlands stated that there has been no change, that the employee concerned is eligible to remain on leave until June 1, 2010, and that he is due to receive from the employee a status update and continuation request, but that he has not received that from as of yet. He stated that the 30-day requirement for notification of continued need is tomorrow, April 22, 2010.

New Business. There was no new business to discuss.

Executive session. There was no executive session.

Next Meeting. The next quarterly meeting of the 9-1-1 Governing Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 5:15 p.m.

Meeting adjournment. Chief Copley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed with 9 voting yes, zero voting no, and 2 members absent. The meeting was adjourned.

Steve Rowlands